(b) what are the names of persons from Pasighat, East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, who had received "Tamra Patra" and "Medal";

(c) whether the persons concerned are really freedom fighters of repute; and

(d) if so, the details of their past records alongwith numbers of time they had been jailed for the national cause?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) According to the records available only one person from Arunachal Pradesh namely Shri Moji Riba has been honoured with Tamra Patra as a special case. Other details are being collected from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Meeting of Chief Ministers of North Eastern States

6243. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Chief Ministers of all the North-Eastern States was held at Shillong recently under the Chairmanship of the Minister of State of Internal Security;

(b) if so, the details of the points discussed in the meeting; and

(c) the action taken by Government of India thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A meeting of Chief Ministers of the States of the North East was held at Shillong on April 29, 1995 by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Internal Security). Apart from a review of the prevailing security scenario in the region, the areas requiring thrust were identified and the need for coordinated and effective action against insurgent elements active in the region was emphasized.

Release of Tada Detenues in Delhi

6244. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TADA detenues released by Delhi TADA courts so far;

(b) the reasons for each such release;

(c) the action taken by Government on the observations of the courts, case-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to finalise the cases of all TADA undertrials in Delhi; giving the number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The number of TADA detenues released by Delhi TADA courts so far is 565.

(b) The cases made out against these TADA accused failed on account of inability of the prosecution to identify witnesses during investigation, non-appearance of witness when identified, and contradictions in the statements made by prosecution witnesses in the courts.

(c) Directions have been issued to the Delhi Police that mandatory provisions of law while making out cases under TADA be strictly followed, that effective pairvi of such cases be done in courts and that action should be taken against the officials concerned for lapses that result in the failure of TADA cases in the courts.

(d) The number of cases pending trial in the TADA courts in Delhi is 915.

The steps taken to finalise the cases of TADA under-trials in Delhi are:

(i) Special courts have been set up to deal with TADA cases.

(ii) Day-to-day hearing of cases is fixed for quick disposal.

(iii) Short dates are given to conclude evidence brought in by the prosecution.